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Joint Resolution

Dec. 28, 1985
[S.J. Res. 198]

To designate the year of 1986 as the "Sesquicentennial Year of the National Library of Medicine".

Whereas the National Library of Medicine houses the world's largest and most distinguished collection of health science literature in the world;

Whereas the National Library of Medicine has pioneered in developing the renowned MEDLARS system that provides worldwide access to this literature;

Whereas American health professionals, in research, education, and practice, have reaped great benefits from the communications systems and services provided by the National Library of Medicine;

Whereas the health of American citizens has been improved as a result of the rapid access to biomedical information enjoyed by health practitioners utilizing the services of the National Library of Medicine; and

Whereas the long and distinguished history of the National Library of Medicine is worthy of special commemoration by the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the year of 1986 is designated as the "Sesquicentennial Year of the National Library of Medicine" and that in recognition of the occasion of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the National Library of Medicine, the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such year with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

Approved December 28, 1985.

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